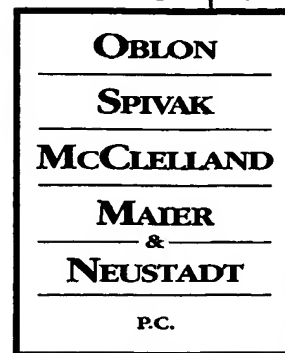




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Group Art Unit: 1763
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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 21, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Species 5, corresponding to Figs. 1 and 2 as identified by the Examiner and indicated in the Requirement to be readable on Claims 8-10 and 12-21. Applicants also elect Claims 1-3, which were identified by the Examiner as being generic. Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims, directed to additional non-elected species, which include the limitations of an allowable generic claim, as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141(a).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-3, 8-10, and 12-21 be conducted.

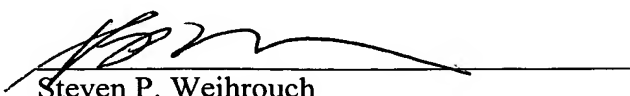
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